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NEW CONSTRUCTION SPOTLIGHT

Brentwood continues to maintain its strong residential character while providing controlled opportunities for service-institutional and commercial development. Commercially zoned areas are located along the northern and southern boundaries of the City.

The present economic slowdown has affected Brentwood, as it has most communities across the nation. For example, Brentwood had only 68 new single-family home permits issued in calendar year 2009 compared to 635 in 2004.

Retail and Office Development

A new commercial project was recently completed in the original Town Center District located at the corner of Franklin Road and Town Center Way. The two new facilities are the Pinnacle Bank building and an office building with TDAmeritrade as the primary tenant.

Other development plans approved in north Brentwood includes the construction of the Overlook Office Building, 24,368 sq ft, two-story office building located in Overlook Park and a building renovation for Primrose School, formerly State Farm Insurance facility in Maryland Farms.

On the south end of Brentwood, approved commercial development includes: 1) Mallory Park - Southland Office Building,



Town Center – New Pinnacle Bank at Franklin Rd & Town Center Way



Westgate Commons – Copeland's Restaurant converted to office/retail space

9,919 sq ft, single story mixed-use office/warehouse building; 2) Westgate Commons – former Green Hills Grille and Copeland's Restaurant buildings, converted to office/retail space and meeting areas for Wedding receptions and other community events; 3) Cool Springs Commons – Community Health Systems, a 21,400 sq ft addition to their data center; and 4) Mallory Corners Shopping Center – a relocation of Electronic Express to the former space occupied by Comp USA.

Service-Institutional Development

Several new/expanded Service-institutional projects were completed during 2009 to better serve the residents of Brentwood. Brentwood Academy on Granny White Pike completed extensive renovations to the existing campus including a complete facelift of the original high school building, a second story addition to the existing athletic building, a Duncan Bell Tower addition, additional landscaping and improvements to the parking areas.

Brentwood Baptist Church recently completed construction on a 77,625 sq ft "Connection Center" located at the rear of the existing church building and a 6,874 sq ft Chapel located at the front of the main church facing Concord Road. Holy Family Catholic Church completed a 43,617 sq ft addition to serve the education, administration and youth ministries.



Brentwood Baptist Church - new Chapel Addition

Jeff Dobson

New Planning and Codes Director
In November 2009, Jeff Dobson was appointed to the position of Planning and Codes Director. Jeff has served as Brentwood's Senior Planner for the past 15 years. Prior to coming to Brentwood, Jeff worked for Polk County, Florida for 12 years. Jeff lives in Nolensville, with his wife, Kathy. They have a daughter, Christy, who lives in Florida and a son, Cameron who is in his third year of Veterinary school at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

Financial Awards

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has again recognized the City of Brentwood for excellence in financial reporting. The Finance Department received the Certificate of Achievement for the latest Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the 23rd year in a row and the Distinguish Budget Presentation Award for the 17th consecutive year. The Finance Department, under the leadership of Carson Swinford, places the highest priority on producing accurate, timely, high quality financial documents that are essential to maintaining the City's high credit rating. Copies of the reports are available for review at the Finance Department in the Municipal Center and at the Brentwood Library. The reports are also available at our website www.brentwood-tn.org/finance.

Reverse 911 Emergency Notification System

Help Us Keep You Informed of Emergency Situations

As some Brentwood residents transition from traditional landline telephones to cell, wireless and Voice Over IP phones (VoIP), collecting 911 data for quick emergency notifications from public safety personnel is becoming more difficult.

Unlike landline telephones, the phone numbers for residents who use exclusively the alternative telephone methods are not automatically placed in the master data base at the Brentwood Emergency Communications Center. Therefore, the City has no way to contact these residents at home quickly through the City's Reverse 911 Emergency Notification System should there be a significant event affecting their neighborhood.

Some examples where the Reverse 911 System could be used to send targeted notifications or instructions to residents within a specific neighborhood or area includes reports of a missing child, a search for a criminal suspect, or a rail derailment or Interstate truck accident involving the transport of dangerous chemicals.

Clearly, our ability to notify all potentially affected residents is hampered when there is no phone number tied to a residence.

To address this problem, the City of Brentwood is encouraging citizens without traditional landline telephone service to voluntarily provide to the City (for emergency notification purposes) a phone number tied to a specific address. In order for your phone to be included in the Reverse 911 emergency notification system, please go to the City web site at www.brentwood-tn.org/VoIP and complete the information pertaining to your street name and house number. Once the information is submitted, a city employee will contact you to verify the information. None of the information provided will be released to the general public.

If you have any questions about your present telephone number having the capability to receive critical emergency notifications from the Police and Fire/Rescue Departments, contact the City GIS Office at (615) 507-2748 or by e-mail at addressing@brentwood-tn.org.

City Briefs

Need Help?

Occasionally you may have a problem with the City and may not be sure who to contact. In that case, please call **Linda Lynch – Community Relations Director at 371-0060 or by e-mail at lynchl@brentwood-tn.org.** She will be glad to find the right person to address your concerns.

Spring Clean Up

When you are spring cleaning, if there are items too large for the regular trash pick-up, you can take them for disposal by the City at the following locations between 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Dates

April 17 • Granny White Park

April 24 • Safety Center East, 1300 Sunset Rd.

May 1 • Granny White Park

Important: We cannot accept liquids, sprays, paints, batteries, tires or chippings.

Keep Brentwood Beautiful!

Williamson County Recycling Center

Visit the expanded facility located next to Fire Station No. 2 **1301 Wilson Pike • 790-5848**

County Household Trash Locations

Will not accept liquids, sprays, paints, batteries or tires; brush will be accepted. Recycling bins are available, too.

OPEN EVERY DAY 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

Trinity Convenience Center 3004 Wilson Pike • 794-39042 miles south of city limits on left

Nolensville Convenience Center 1525 Sunset Road • 776-2717 .5 mile east of Waller Rd. on left

Grassland Convenience Center
1495 Sneed Road • 371-1697

.1 mile west of Hillsboro Rd. on left behind the County Fire Department

Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste

(Batteries, paint, oil, anti-freeze, electronics)
Franklin Solid Waste Station
417 Century Court, Franklin
Monday–Friday, 6:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
and Saturday, May 8 • 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

City Phone Numbers

Municipal Center	371-0060
Planning/Codes	371-2204
Water Billing	661-7061
Water Maintenance	371-0080
Public Works	371-0080
Service Center	371-0080
Police	371-0160
Fire	371-0170
Wm. Co. Ambulance	794-2800
Library	371-0090
Parks	371-2208
Emergency	911

Citizen's Update

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2010 CENSUS Form Every Person Counts!

By now, you should have received at your home the 2010 Federal Census Form.

Completion of this form is very critical to the City of Brentwood and Williamson County. Many State and Federal funds are distributed to cities and counties based on population. Receipt of these funds allows Brentwood to maintain high quality of services - Police, Fire, Library, Parks, Streets, etc. and helps keep your City property taxes as low as possible.

Every person really counts for Brentwood! If you have not done so already, please complete and mail the 2010 Census Form as soon as possible. Thanks!

Living in Brentwood - Confused?

The City of Brentwood routinely receives calls from individuals and businesses who think their property is located in the city limits, but find out differently.

The primary reason for the confusion is the Brentwood postal addresses. The US Postal Service makes decisions pertaining to post office territory and service areas. They make these decisions without consideration of city limits or county lines. Accordingly, many businesses and homes that have a Brentwood mailing address are not in Brentwood, but Nashville/Davidson County instead. Municipal services and schools in those areas are provided by Metro Nashville instead of the City of Brentwood and Williamson County.

If you are moving to the Brentwood area and are unsure of the jurisdiction of the business or home under consideration, you may call the Planning and Codes Department at (615) 371-2204 for information.

City Multi-Media Team



Toben Nelson and Jay Williams

While the City of Brentwood is a relatively small organization with only 244 full-time employees, we are still expected to deliver the same level of services and information to our residents as larger cities do. To do this requires a multi-talented work force that is able to "juggle more than one ball" at the same time.

The City of Brentwood recently created an inhouse multi-media team to start producing training and informational videos

for viewing on Cable Channel 19 and the City's web page. This was possible because the Fire Department recently hired two experienced firefighters, Jay Williams and Toben Nelson, who also had significant education and experience in the field of video production.

Jay was a child actor on stage and TV and received his B.A. degree in Radio, TV and Film from Northwestern University. He has experience on TV programs (J.A.G., Seinfeld) and hosted, produced, and directed for the Travel Channel. Jay was also the Multi-Media Coordinator for the Torrance, CA fire department and has won several international awards for producing public relations and short films.

Toben received a B. A. degree in Cinema-Television and a Master degree of Fine Arts in Film Production from University of Southern California. During his graduate studies, he wrote, directed, and edited short films and feature-length films including several screenplays. After relocating to Tennessee, Toben worked as a freelance creative consultant to a large film and video production company based

With Jay's and Toben's expertise, the City's goal is to create training and departmental information videos to better explain basic services and, as time permits, to document City events and historic preservation efforts.

Shop in Brentwood First

www.ExploreBrentwood.org • Business-Community Website To be activated about May 1st

You are encouraged to visit and use the new Business-Community website, www. ExploreBrentwood.org. This City sponsored site provides you and visitors via the computer an attractive, useful, easy to search tool for locating specific businesses and service providers in Brentwood. Not only does the business-community website

identify and promote businesses located within the Brentwood city limits, it also includes helpful community information about Brentwood.

When you "Shop in Brentwood", you not only support our local businesses and their families, you also help the City to maintain our low property tax rate and to continue to provide excellent services such as Police, Fire, Parks, Library, etc. It's a "win-win" to shop in

> Visit www.ExploreBrentwood.org and "Shop in Brentwood'



"Bless You for All the Work You Do"

The City receives many written communications from our residents. The following was recently sent to our Police Department:

"My 18 year old daughter was in a single car accident on Saturday after Thanksgiving on Concord Road. The car flipped several times and she was ejected out a window and had to be life flighted to Vanderbilt. The Brentwood Police went to great lengths to track down me and my husband to notify us. First they called our home but we were out. Then they drove to our home and went door to door to see if anyone had a cell phone number

I cannot tell you how thankful we are to both the rescue team and Brentwood Police. They took good care of a frightened teen. God bless you all for the work you do. Merry Christmas to you!"

Brentwood Firefighters on National TV

In December 2010, the Brentwood Fire and Rescue Department conducted a live fire training exercise on an abandoned home located on Wilson Pike (near the southern City limits). A TV crew from CBS filmed the



event as part of a holiday safety awareness series on "Holiday Fire Safety" for The Early Show. CBS sent crews from New York, Chicago and Atlanta to film the effects of fires started by Christmas decorations. Film for the program segment showed how quickly a dry Christmas tree could ignite surrounding drapes, furniture and even the entire house.

The filming and broadcast of this training exercise brought national attention to the danger of fire to residents, the training efforts and risks facing firefighters, and the professionalism of the Brentwood Fire and Rescue Department. Local television channels also videotaped and broadcasted the event across Middle Tennessee.

News Briefs

Community Guide 2009-11 'Everything you ever wanted to know about Brentwood!' Available at Brentwood Municipal Center, Brentwood Library and www.brentwood-tn.org/communityguide.

Tune In Channel 19 City & Planning Commission Meetings -

1st, 2nd & 4th weeks each month • Tues. 9 a.m. & 7 p.m. • Thurs. 7 p.m.

Continuous City Information Meetings, dates, times, places, phone numbers, etc.

Historic Interviews Mon., Wed., Fri. 7 p.m.

Historic Brentwood Video Mon., Wed., Fri. 8 p.m.

City's Web Site www.brentwood-tn.org

City & Planning Commission Agendas and video of recent meetings via web-cast are available at www.brentwood-tn.org



Brentwood Public Works is ranked among the very BEST at snow removal for communities in Middle Tennessee.

Thanks to Public Works

Thanks to our great crews in the Public Works Department who worked around the clock in response to the numerous snow storm events this past winter. Snow removal is not the normal priority for most Public Works Departments in the Southeast but not so for the Brentwood crews. They

understand the importance of keeping our main streets safe and passable and pride themselves on Brentwood having the cleanest streets of any community in Middle Tennessee.

Below is typical of the many comments received by the City this winter:

"I wanted to let you know how much I appreciated the hard work of the Department of Public Works employees during the snow last weekend. I had to venture out on Saturday morning and the crews had already cleared the main thoroughfares. They had obviously been working through the night.

I drove to work on Monday and all the roads were clear in Brentwood. When I crossed the city limits line, the road was a solid sheet of ice.

Please extend my thanks to Jeff Donegan and the magnificent Public Works staff for helping to keep the citizens of Brentwood safe. This is just one of the many reasons why our City is such a great place to live."

CITY INFORMATION – www.brentwood-tn.org

Information you can find on city's website: Everything you want to know about Brentwood! www.brentwood-tn.org/communityguide

Update on Road Projects, Chipper Service - www.brentwood-tn.org/publicworks Home Security Surveys, Neighborhood Watch, Vehicle Accident Reports, Pay tickets online www.brentwood-tn.org/police

Home Occupations, Zoning, GIS Maps - www.brentwood-tn.org/planning Sports, Bikeways - www.brentwood-tn.org/parks

Historic Bur Oak Tree

The 200 year old oak tree located at the corner of Concord Road and Knox Valley near the Library has been a beloved part of Brentwood history. Families have picnicked and children have played under the shade of the large limbs. But time and nature (including lightning strikes) are taking its toll on the tree despite efforts by the City to keep it alive.

In recent years, the condition of the historic oak has deteriorated and recently



the tree lost a huge limb on the east side. The massive trunk has a gigantic gash caused by a lightning strike and the interior of the tree is decaying. There are also indications that the tree has significant root rot. For safety reasons, the city has restricted public access under the tree by installing a fence around the perimeter of the tree canopy.

Even though the Parks and Recreation Department will continue efforts to protect and preserve the majestic old tree, conditions do not look favorable for its long-term survival. Hopefully, the community will be able to enjoy its beauty and prominance once again during the 2010 growing season.

Parks Update

Brentwood Parks offer something for everyone. Spring is the time to 'escape the inside' and enjoy 575 acres of City owned park land and greenways in Brentwood. The city encourages you to take full advantage of the active and passive recreational opportunities available in your "community backyard." With tougher economic conditions today, it is good to know that Brentwood's unique parks and bike/walking paths are available for free.



Shelters/ **Pavilion Season!**

The Parks Department began accepting 2010 reservations for use of shelters/pavilions on February 1st. You can choose from facilities in Granny White Park, River Park, Crockett Park, and Owl Creek. For more information on what is available at each park you can visit our website at www.Brentwood-tn.org/park or call our office at 371-2208.

Deerwood Arboretum Upgrade

inis spring, the existing bikeway section in Deerwood will be overlaid with asphalt. The substandard walking conditions of the existing nature trail will be corrected with a new section of asphalt trail. When completed, a handicapped accessible, circular path will be available to view the entire 27 acre Arboretum.

General Park Information

- Solar powered emergency call boxes are available in the parks and along the bikeway. If an emergency arise, the opening of the box will automatically notify the Police/Fire of the call location.
- Bikeway Mile Markers Colored markers are placed along the primary trails, a different color for each trail. Each marker represents .10 of a mile. Maps available at trail heads.
- Park Reservations To make reservations for park shelters, pavilion, courts and fields call 371-2208.
- Residents are reminded to clean up after pets and always have them on a short leash for the safety of other park patrons. Thank you for your help with this
- For more information visit our website at www.Brentwood-tn.org/park or call our offices at 371-2208.

ATHLETIC CONTACT NUMBERS: Civitan Baseball/ Softball

Patty Jarnigan 376-9155 **Civitan Hotline** 937-3800

Brentwood Baseball

Rick Ketschke 243-2417

ILC Baseball (Travel)

Chris Anderson 479-8594 **BWSC**

Jane Olinger 503-9615

YMCA Soccer

Jeff Gillies 373-9622

Brentwood Blaze (Football)

901-674-8175 Jerome Perkins 373-7823 **Hotline**

Williamson County Parks 370-3471

Softball (Adult)

Arnold King ext 14 Mike Devine ext 17

Tennis

Mike Martin ext 16



YOUR NEWLY RENOVATED-**EXPANDED LIBRARY**

It's hard to believe that less than 40 years ago, the Brentwood Library consisted of a few shelves of paperbacks in a dry cleaner's shop. Equally amazing is that patron use of the 43,500 square foot facility built in 1998 has grown to the point that expansion of the building was needed. The recently completed additions and a 'face lift' of existing space has created a 'new' 55,000 square foot facility holding over 150,000 collection items, 120 computers, and many welcoming spaces for readers and learners.

The City of Brentwood is dedicated to having the best community library in the State of Tennessee. The City's core funding of \$5 million for the project was supplemented by generous donations from the Library Foundation, the Friends of the Library and others. This private funding allowed for the inclusion of unique 'extras' in the facility such as the special entrances in the Children's section, stain glass windows, and wall murals - all creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

While the priority of the Brentwood Library is to advance childhood education and lifelong learning, the Library also serves as an important economic development tool in attracting and retaining residents to the community.







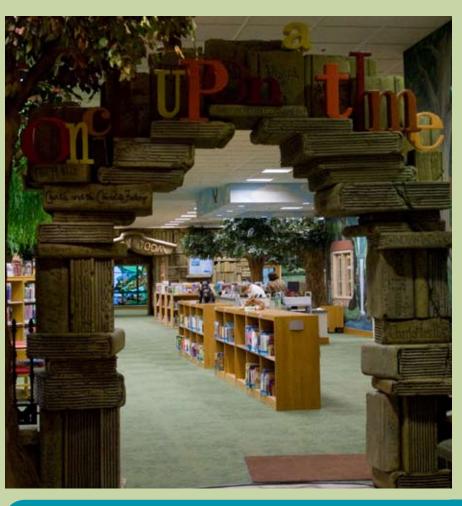
DID YOU KNOW?

Our Reference Librarians answered over 70,000 questions last year. That's nearly 20 every hour!

THE "NEW" ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY INCLUDE:

- Larger Storytime and Children's Learning Center
- Additional space in the Children's Library for expanded collections
- Larger Recorded Arts Room for movies, music and audio
- New Teen space with cool décor and more seating
- Dedicated computer Lab for classes and training
- Conference Room available (by reservation) to Brentwood groups for meetings
- Five Study Rooms for group work or quiet study
- New expanded Brentwood Room for local history and genealogy
- Additional space in the main hall for expanded books and material collections
- More comfortable seating for laptop users and browsers
- New information system promoting activities using flat-screen signage and displays





LIBRARY USAGE

Brentwood is, indeed, a community of readers. Despite the inconveniences from construction work, library use grew significantly during the year. On the average day, 1,069 visitors came to the library which is about 102 people every hour or a total of 379,363 visitors during the year. On average, each Brentwood resident borrowed 16 books and movies during the year, for a total circulation of 567,107 items. That's a **20% increase** over 2008!







Congratulations to Chuck Sherrill

In February 2010, Library Director Chuck Sherrill accepted the position as Director of the Tennessee State Library and Archives. While everyone at the City of Brentwood was sad to see him leave, it was quite an honor to be appointed the top Librarian in the State of Tennessee.

Chuck served as Brentwood library director for 10 years with professionalism, enthusiasm, and vision. He wore many hats and had many accomplishments. The highlight of his tenure was last year with the successful expansion and renovation of the Library – on time and under budget!

As City Manager Michael Walker said, "When Chuck came we had a great library. But now, there's no question in my mind, we are the premier community library facility in Tennessee."

Chuck's friendly face and sense of humor will be missed on a daily basis by his former staff, but since he and his family remain as Brentwood residents, they expect to see him at the Library as a frequent patron.

Remembering Mr. Joe Lassus 1955-2009

In our world today, many families are faced with the pain of losing a relative, friend and co-worker to cancer. The Brentwood City family recently lost someone very close to us to cancer - Planning and Codes Director Joe Lassus.

For the past 10 years, Joe was an integral part of the senior management team that responded to growth and development issues facing

Brentwood. He brought knowledge of urban planning and a proactive sense of what we needed to do as a growing city. Joe always focused on looking ahead. He was a soft spoken man of few words who never lost his composure under pressure.

"Joe had one of the most challenging jobs in the city," City Manager Mike Walker said. "He always provided steady, calm leadership for the city's planning department during a period of unprecedented residential growth and development. His efforts and successes are clearly present in the quality land use development that we see in Brentwood today."

Joe came to Brentwood from his hometown of New Orleans and was a big supporter of historic preservation. In his off-hours, he was a re-enactor, authored *Brentwood, Tennessee: A Crossroads of the American Civil War* and was editor of the City's historic newsletter, *The Bugle.* He and his wife Naomi were season ticket holders with the Tennessee Titans but sadly, he did not live long enough this past fall to see his beloved Saints win their first Super Bowl.

Joe genuinely loved Brentwood. His efforts in overseeing development and commitment to historic preservation will be enjoyed by future generations.

STATE BUSINESS TAX

State of Tennessee Public Chapter 530, a new tax bill, effective January 1, 2010 makes significant changes in the collection and reporting of business tax that will affect municipalities.

In summary the key provisions of this bill as it pertains to the City of Brentwood are as follows:

- Businesses will continue to obtain a business license from the City.
- The City will continue to administer transient vendor licenses.
- Annual business tax returns will no longer be filed with the City, but will instead be filed with and taxes paid to the Tennessee Department of Revenue.
- The Department of Revenue will also collect all taxes that become delinquent after January 1, 2010. Any taxes delinquent prior to January 1, 2010 will be collected by the City.
- Online business tax filing is now available through the Tennessee Department of Revenue's web site at https://www. tennesseeanytime.org/biztax/.

BRENTWOOD IS FINANCIALLY STRONG

Brentwood is one of the most desirable communities in Tennessee in which to live and work. The City realizes that a strong financial position is essential to the success of our community. Having a broad, diverse tax base is important, but spending the public's money wisely while keeping taxes as low as possible is also a priority. The following highlights the City's financial position.

- **No increase** in the City's effective property tax rate for 19 consecutive years. The actual tax rate has declined from \$.89 to \$.49 per \$100 of assessed value of property.
- 2nd Lowest effective property tax rate in State for 2009 (City and County combined) compared to 23 Tennessee cities with populations of 25,000 or greater.
- **Annual city property tax bill is \$515** (or \$1.41 per day) for average home valued at \$420,000.
- **City taxes represent only 18%** of your annual property tax bill. The remaining 82% is Williamson County property taxes.
- Brentwood's General Fund is not heavily dependent on any one revenue source:
 - Local Sales Taxes 34.2%
 - ~ Property Taxes 34.6%
 - ~ State Shared Revenues 13.4%
 - ~ Other Sources/Fees 17.8%
- **General Fund reserves have increased** from: FY 1991 \$600,000 to FY 2009 \$24.9 million; City never operates in a deficit.
- **Highest possible bond rating** from Moody's Investors Service Aaa and Standard and Poor's AAA.
- **Provides expanded services** with fewer employees. City has 6.75 full-time employees per 1,000 residents in FY 2010, versus 8.54 in FY 1991 or 21% less. (Staffing at the old levels would cost the taxpayers an additional \$5.2 million annually and require a \$.25 or 51% increase in the City's property tax rate.)
- Commercial property represents only 4% of the total land but generates almost 55% of the total General Fund revenues.
- National Awards GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for 23 consecutive years and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for 17 consecutive years.

Road Projects Update

CONCORD ROAD (EDMONDSON PIKE TO EASTERN CITY LIMITS) Improvements to a 3.6 mile section of Concord Road from Edmondson Pike to the eastern city limits will include a continuous 3 lane roadway section with a separated 10-foot bikeway lane. The City of Brentwood is funding engineering design and the purchase of sufficient right-of-way to allow for the future widening to 5 lanes. As Concord Road is a state highway, the project will be under the construction management of the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT).

Phase I of the project from Edmondson Pike to Sunset Road is underway. Current

work is concentrated on the segment from Sunset Road to Crockett Road. This segment should be substantially completed by summer 2010.

Phase I construction between Crockett Road and Edmondson Pike will begin in late spring 2010 and should be substantially completed by December 2010. It will require the closing of this section to thru traffic for about 4 months to cut down the steep grade of the hill and install retaining walls and drainage improvements near the creek. A summer 2010 road closing and the necessary detouring of through traffic on Crockett Road and Green Hill Boulevard will be done at a time and season that minimizes the impact to school traffic and disturbance of the creek with a protected species - the Nashville Crayfish.





Phase II construction between Sunset Road and Nolensville Road is projected to cost \$14.4 million. The City expects to complete final acquisition of right-of-way for the project in the summer of 2010. The timing for construction is dependent on funding by TDOT.

For more information on the various Concord Road projects and the latest updates, visit the City's website, www.brentwood-tn.org/concord.

CONCORD ROAD (JONES PARKWAY TO ARROWHEAD DRIVE) The City recently entered into a contract with the TDOT to upgrade and widen another substandard

section of Concord Road between Jones Parkway and Arrowhead Drive. The road will be widened to 3 lanes with six foot shoulders, and curb and gutter with a separated 10-foot wide bike/pedestrian path running along the south side of the improved road. Funding for the project will include \$3 million in federal highway funds and approximately \$1.2 million in City funding. Preliminary design work is expected to be completed by summer 2010 with right-of-way acquisition planned for 2011 and construction tentatively scheduled to begin in early 2012.

WILSON PIKE/CONCORD ROAD TURN LANE IMPROVEMENTS This project provides for turn lane improvements on Wilson Pike, including a new right turn lane for southbound Wilson Pike and reconfiguration of northbound Wilson Pike to provide a new right turn lane and dual left turn lanes on to Concord Road west. This project is scheduled for completion in spring 2010.

EDMONDSON PIKE (NORTH OF SMITHSON LANE TO CITY LIMITS) The widening of Edmondson Pike included 12-foot travel lanes, shoulders, and left turn lanes at appropriate locations to be consistent with prior improvements to the southern section of the road. Construction began in the summer 2009 and the project has been substantially completed. The final asphalt topping will be laid in the spring of 2010.

PEWITT DRIVE UPGRADE As a part of the City's commitment to upgrade substandard infrastructure in the Town Center District, the City substantially completed in December 2009 an upgrade to the northern half of Pewitt Drive between Town Center Way and Church Street. Right-of-way was dedicated by the benefitting property owners which allowed a portion of the private street to be improved and accepted as a City street. Final asphalt topping is scheduled this spring.

SPLIT LOG ROAD PROJECT, PHASE II (RAGSDALE ROAD TO EAST CITY LIMITS AT PLEASANT HILL ROAD) This project is in the final design and right-of-way acquisition stage. Construction is scheduled to begin by summer 2010 with substantial completion by summer 2011. Improvements will include a 3-lane road with center turn lane and a separated 10-foot bikeway lane similar to the recently completed section between Wilson Pike & Ragsdale Road.

FRANKLIN ROAD SOUTH Widening of Franklin Road (state highway) to 5 lanes is proposed from Concord Road to Moore's Lane. Survey work and engineering design are underway with City funding. Right-of-way acquisition by the City is uncertain at this point and is not expected to move ahead until the City has a firm funding commitment by the TDOT for utility relocations and construction.

For more information contact Public Works, 371-0080 or www.brentwood-tn.org/publicworks.



(L-R, Assistant Police Chief Jeff Hughes, Captain Tommy Walsh, Patrol Lieutenant David O'Neil, Detective Jim Colvin)

Recent Promotions in Police Department

In January 2010, the following promotions were made in the Brentwood Police Department resulting from the retirement of Assistant Police Chief Martin Lyles after 32+ years of service to the Department.

Assistant Police Chief Jeff Hughes

Chief Jeff Hughes is a 24 year veteran with the Brentwood Police. He has served in many capacities in the Department including, most recently, Captain over Technical/Support Services Division before his promotion to second in command. He is a graduate of the Southeastern Command and Leadership Academy at the University of Tennessee (Chattanooga) and he will complete his Undergraduate Degree in Criminal Justice this summer at Middle Tennessee State University. Jeff also serves as the Department's Accreditation Manager and Public Information Officer.

Captain Tommy Walsh - Technical Support Services

Captain Tommy Walsh is a 22 year veteran of the Brentwood Police Department. He now oversees the Technical/Support Services Division including Communications, Records, Training, Technology and Community Relations. He graduated from Austin Peay State University and will soon complete his Masters Degree in Criminal Justice Administration at Columbia Southern University. Tommy is also a graduate of Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command.

PATROL LIEUTENANT DAVID O'NEIL

Lieutenant David O'Neil is a 13 year veteran of the Brentwood Police Department. He is now a shift supervisor for the Uniform Patrol Division. Prior to his promotion, David served as a Detective in the Criminal Investigation Division. David was the Department's first K-9 Officer. David is a graduate of Trevecca University and the Nashville School of Law and he is licensed to practice law in the State of Tennessee. David is also a graduate of the University of Tennessee's National Forensic Academy.

DETECTIVE JIM COLVIN

Detective Jim Colvin graduated from University of Tennessee at Martin with a degree in Criminal Justice and began his career with the Department in 2004. Prior to his promotion to Detective in the Criminal Investigation Division, Jim served as an Officer in the Uniform Patrol Division.



Brentwood's relationship with the 327th Regiment started several years ago when Brentwood adopted the soldiers and their families.

Brentwood Continues to Support Our Soldiers from Fort Campbell

Officers from the 101st Airborne's Division, First Battalion 327th Regiment recently met with officials from the cities of Brentwood and Franklin and Williamson County before they were deployed to Afghanistan. The goal of the day long training session was to initiate the soldiers, who are trained and skilled at fighting, on how to be equally effective in their newly assigned role of community building.

These soldiers have been assigned to remote Afghan villages to work with local leaders to assess community needs and to show realistic ways for improving the quality of life and the future of their citizens.

At the training session, local government officials from Brentwood, Franklin and Williamson County discussed how they go about building consensus and governing effectively with their communities and practical approaches to the development of infrastructure in a country where basic public health systems that we take for granted are nonexistent.

Our help and support continues beyond this meeting. If the soldiers have questions or need assistance while overseas, local support is only an e-mail away.

Our relationship with the 327th Regiment began several years ago when numerous individuals in Brentwood "adopted" the soldiers and their families. In 2007, the community honored their return from the Iraqi War by having a parade on Maryland Way and a picnic celebration with entertainment at Granny White Park.

New Subdivision Regulations

The City of Brentwood Planning Commission recently adopted a comprehensive update to the Subdivision Regulations. The new regulations incorporate the latest technical standards and procedures for subdivision development in Brentwood and have been reformatted to follow the normal development process. The regulations serve as the basis for the Planning Commission and staff to review, approve, and administer subdivision development activity in Brentwood. Copies of the document are available at the Planning and Codes Department and at the City's web site – www.brentwood-tn.org/planning.

City Manager's Report

Dear Citizens

I routinely talk to City Managers from across the United States about the economic "reality" facing their local governments today. Managers from some boom areas in the sunbelt talk about the implications to their tax base when housing values declined more than 50% and the personal suffering of residents when their mortgage balance greatly exceeds the market value. I have also visited communities that were once considered the economic engines of America but are now destitute with little hope for recovery.

I always keep these images in mind when asked about how the economic slowdown is affecting Brentwood. There is no question we are feeling the effects of the slowdown but everything is relative. Yes – I anticipate the \$30 million General Fund budget will decline in the new fiscal year 2011 beginning July 1, 2010 by roughly 1%. Most local governments and businesses in today's new world would be elated with only a 1% revenue decline.

Unfortunately, when times were good, many local governments also compounded their problems today by moving beyond basic services to adding new programs, staff and benefits. I assume the thinking was – the money is there so why not spend it. Now those communities are facing even more difficult and painful decisions.

Fortunately, Brentwood's conservative financial and management policies over the years have served the community well. Our systematic approach of sticking with basic services and keeping per capita staffing levels as low as possible (compared to other communities) while compensating our employees fairly is allowing us to face an uncertain future without fear. Furthermore, our staff never forgets that you chose to live in Brentwood because

you want to, not because you have to. We also know you expect us to deliver quality services and provide value for your tax dollars.

In the new fiscal year, the City of Brentwood will continue to improve basic service delivery and provide funding for our infrastructure and equipment needs. Essential services are not being reduced or eliminated. No employees will face the threat of layoffs. At the same time, the lack of revenue growth will limit our ability to initiate new programs and on-going funding obligations outside the core mission of the City.

Like everyone, we hope the economy will improve soon but we must be realistic in our financial planning for the future. Even if sustainable improvement in the economy started next month, it would be 12 months before the City would see real improvement in its tax collections. And when things start to improve, we don't anticipate an immediate return to a booming economy with accelerated revenue growth. We expect "doing more with less" will become standard practice for all local governments for the foreseeable future.

The staff appreciates your understanding and support in these challenging times. We always welcome your comments and suggestions on how we can do things better or to answer your questions. Please feel free to go to www. brentwood-tn.org and access Citizen Comments on our webpage to tell us your thoughts. You may also choose to contact me directly at 371-0060 or by e-mail at walker@brentwood-tn.org.

Sincerely,

Michael (Mike) Walker



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The City Commission is the legislative and policy-making body of the City. It currently consists of seven members elected at-large for four-year, staggered terms. The next election for four members is scheduled for May 3, 2011. The Mayor and Vice Mayor are City Commissioners appointed by their fellow board members after each election to serve for two-year terms. Unless otherwise rescheduled, the City Commission meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7 p.m. at the Municipal Center, 5211 Maryland Way.

Sewer Projects CONTINUE

• Sewer System Rehabilitation Project the Water and Sewer Department is about 1/3 of the way in completing the most significant capital project in Brentwood's history. This six-year, \$30 million dollar program includes the inspection of the City's original sewer trunk lines via a video camera to identify the location of line breaks where storm water can infiltrate into the lines. The damaged lines are being repaired primarily through the installation of fiber glass slip-liner inside the existing pipes.

• Sewer Station Rehabilitation Project - work has begun on rehabilitating several sewer lift (pumping) stations across the City to provide more reliable sewer service.

For more information, please visit the Water/Sewer web page at www.brentwood-tn.org/water



Citizen's Fire Academy

Have you ever wondered what it is like to be a firefighter? Here is a chance to see what it is all about. The Citizens Fire Academy is a three-month program starting the end of July. This is a great opportunity to learn about your fire department and get handson with the tools of the trade. Participants can even ride along with firefighters as they respond to actual emergency calls. Additional information and applications are available on-line at www. brentwood-tn.org/fire/cfa or call 371-0170; deadline for submitting applications is June 15.

Lowest Combined City/ County/Special School Property Tax Rates for Largest Tennessee Cities

(Population 25,000 or Greater) (2009 Effective Rates - Per \$100 Assessed Value)

Ranki	•	County Ef		
(1)	Hendersonville			\$2.67
(2)	Brentwood	Williams	on :	\$2.75
(3)	Morristown	Hamb	len	\$3.16
(4)	Lavergne	Rutherfo	ord	\$3.24
(5)	Cleveland	Brad	ley	\$3.28
(6)	Smyrna	Rutherfo	ord	\$3.60
(6)	Franklin/FSSD	Williams	on	\$3.60
(7)	Cookeville	Putn	am -	\$3.62
(8)	Columbia	Ma	ury	\$4.03
(9)	Kingsport	Sulliv	/an	\$4.07
(10)	Johnson City	Washing	ton	\$4.12
(10)	Clarksville	Montgom	ery	\$4.12
(11)	Nashville	Davids	on	\$4.13
(12)	Murfreesboro	Rutherfo	ord	\$4.14
(13)	Bristol	Sulliv	/an	\$4.32
(14)	Jackson	Madis	on	\$4.41
(15)	Chattanooga	Hamil	ton	\$4.70
(16)	Knoxville	Kr	nox	\$4.82
(17)	Oak Ridge	Anders	on	\$5.13
(18)	Collierville	She	lby	\$5.24
(19)	Germantown	She	lby	\$5.49
(20)	Bartlett	She	lby	\$5.55
(21)	Memphis	She	lby	\$7.22
*Note:	Effective tax rates a	re based on ac	tual rate	s adjusted

by appropriate appraisal ratios as determined from the most recent appraisal date. Rates shown above are established for the 2009 tax year. The chart shows that the 2009 combined Brentwood and Williamson County effective property tax rate compares very favorably with other cities across the state. In the largest Tennessee Cities with populations 25,000 or greater, Brentwood's effective property tax rate of \$2.75 per \$100 of assessed value (.49/City, \$2.26/County) is the 2nd lowest in the State. Brentwood's FY 2010 property tax rate of \$.49 represents the same effective tax rate for the 19th year in a ro

Sources: 2009 Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury Division of Property Assessments Website, Municipal Technical Advisory

2010 CONCERT SERIES Eddy Arnold Amphitheater Crockett Park - 7 p.m.

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FAMILY ORIENTED AND FREE ADMISSION

JUNE 6	Little Texas
JUNE 13	Nashville Symphony Orchestra
JUNE 20	7 Bridges: The Ultimate Eagles Experience
JUNE 27	The WannaBeatles
JULY 4	Fireworks Celebration - Featuring The Kadillacs
JULY 11	Who's Bad: Michael Jackson Tribute Band
JULY 18	The Tams

JULY 4TH CELEBRATION CROCKETT PARK - 7 p.m.

"Limited Parking" – You can park at the library or River Park and use bikeway; Residents from nearby subdivisions, please walk or ride bikes.

Latest Technology for Police Vehicles



Brentwood Chipper Service Spring is always a busy time for our

chipper service. Please help us serve you better: stack brush close to the curb with the cut end toward the curb. No brush should be longer than 12 feet and limbs/stumps greater than six inches in diameter will not be picked up by the City and the homeowner must dispose of these large limbs by some other means.

At the discretion of the Public Works Director or his designee, city crews may

refuse to service certain brush piles that due to the size or composition exceed the reasonable capabilities of the City's resources, thereby preventing the department from maintaining its monthly collection schedule at other Brentwood homes.

NOTE - No trimmings cut by commercial companies will be accepted - trimmings must be hauled away by the companies doing the trimming.

To provide chipper service efficiently, there is an established monthly route schedule. For information contact Brentwood Public Works, www.brentwood-tn.org/publicworks or 371-0080.

The City appreciates your cooperation.

The City of Brentwood's police vehicles are equipped with the latest technology including in-car mobile computers which enables the police to receive and send pertinent information immediately. A few of the capabilities of the in-car mobile computer include:

- Receive detail information from dispatch regarding calls.
- View city map to assist in quickly locating addresses, other active police units and routing calls for service.
- Access to Tennessee Criminal Justice Portal to search for more detailed information.
- View status of all active police units.
- Messaging between active police
- Receive text BOLO information and the ability to save info for future use. · Inquiries of license plate, driver's
- license and wanted person files. Ability of officers to view and enter
- traffic citation information to BPD database.
- Viewing and play back of video captured by the in car camera.
- Ability to complete an assortment of reports and review department documents.